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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and coping with the demands of home learning. Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed into school around 17% of our pupils. This is around the national average. With this in mind, please do not feel offended if we ask you to provide evidence of key worker status when applying for a place at school. We have to make sure that essential workers have a place at school for their child on the days that they are working.

For those pupils who have a place at school, could I please ask that you let us know as soon as possible if they are not going to be in school. We have an increasing number of requests from key workers for places, and in order to be able to accommodate everyone we need to keep our registers as accurate as possible. Could I also remind you that children should only be in school on the days that you are working.

As you are probably aware, the Government has announced that schools will remain closed to all pupils except those who are vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers beyond the half-term holiday. As soon as I have a definite date for the full reopening of school, I will let you all know. In the meantime remote learning continues.

I hope that you are finding our phone calls and Google Meets with the children useful. Remember that if you need us just pick up the phone and call or send us an email – we are here to help!

Let's Keep Kinsale Reading!

Norfolk Libraries Service

Did you know that you could still use the library during the lock-down? Even though library buildings may be closed, you can continue to borrow items from the library's e-catalogue. You can download eBooks and eAudio titles and get access to free online encyclopaedias, dictionaries, fact books and magazines.

All this can be done through the library app 'Libby, by Overdrive' that you can download onto your phone or through the library catalogue at [Norfolk County Council - OverDrive \(https://norfolk.overdrive.com\)](https://norfolk.overdrive.com). There are no hidden costs or charges and no books to keep at home or need to return to a library as they are all stored electronically and automatically returned.

In order to start borrowing, you need a library card number and a PIN number. If you already have a library card, but not a PIN, you can call the library on 01603 774777 to receive a PIN. If you do not have either a library card or a PIN, you can still register for one on-line by going to <https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN> Under-18s need a guarantor to fill out part of the form for them and everyone needs to agree to the library's terms and conditions. You will then be issued with a temporary

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borrower number. This allows you to start reserving items that can be 'collected' on-line once your new library card arrives.

Mini Winter Challenge

The Reading Agency in collaboration with Knights Of Publishing have developed a mini winter reading challenge. This is very similar to the summer reading challenge run by Norfolk Libraries.

The challenge is called 'Everyone is a Hero'. It is all about discovering heroes big and small, by reading brilliant books. If you are interested, please follow the link below to find out more.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2020>

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your kind messages of support. We all really appreciate them – they bring a smile to our faces and brighten up the day!

Please take care and stay safe. On behalf of the staff, we look forward to seeing you all back in school soon.

Kindest regards

Mrs Robinson

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